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15. [redacted] Talked with Vince Augliere, on the staff of the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, indicating that I wanted him to know that the letter he had told me was coming to the Director from Congressman Moss has not been received. Augliere advised that the Chairman had decided not to send the letter.

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16. [redacted] Mr. Blandford, House Armed Services Committee staff, had noted Secretary Rusk's statement concerning the capability of monitoring a weapons system in outer space. Mr. Blandford recalled that he had been advised on this by the Agency. I informed him that the Agency position is as he had been briefed previously.

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17. [redacted] At his request, I met with James Gehrig, Staff Director of the Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee. Gehrig had several specific questions which related to the Soviet SST. He said he had seen and heard a number of rumors to the effect that the Soviets have already flown their SST and they were planning on flying it to the Paris Air Show. He asked me if there was any validity to these rumors. I told him I was quite sure this information was false but I would check on it for him.

Gehrig then said that sometime prior to the Senate consideration of the Space Treaty, the Chairman and Senator Margaret Chase Smith would like to have an informal briefing (probably in the Chairman's office). He listed the following items as specific points to be covered in addition to any other topics we felt should be brought to their attention: a briefing on "the big complex" including dates of completion and size; a summary of the Soviet manned space program for 1966 as well as a summary of their Lunar and other shots; information on the USSR's and the Chinese Communist's space expenditures; and "new things in ICBMs." Gehrig said that their Committee would not normally get into the ICBM area, but was doing so in connection with its consideration of the possibility of orbiting nuclear warheads. Gehrig said this should be done sometime before the end of this month and would welcome a suggested date from us. I told him I would take this up with our people and be back in touch with him.

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18. [redacted] Miss Oosthock, in the office of Representative Frances P. Bolton, called to say Mrs. Bolton was interested in any information we could provide her regarding RAMPARTS magazine and who its "guardian angel" was. I told Miss Oosthock that there was considerable information on this in the public domain in the form of newspaper accounts which I thought would be useful to Mrs. Bolton and which I would send to her. She said she thought this would be quite sufficient.

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